

## Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 22, 1886.

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Director of the Mint

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,  
Supt. U. S. Mint,  
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